

Industrial School at Nayarambalam and Coir making.

159. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) is there an Industrial School at Nayarambalam;
- (b) is anything connected with the coir industry taught in the school;
- (c) are the Government aware that coir making is the chief cottage industry in Nayarambalam and the neighbouring villages;
- (d) are the Government aware that high class coir are not made in Nayarambalam and the neighbouring villages?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is necessary.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is there an Industrial School at Narakkal.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is coir making taught there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—With regard to (d), my question was, 'are the Government aware that high class coir are not made in Nayarambalam and the neighbouring villages.' The answer is 'no.' May I know whether the meaning is, whether the Government are not aware or whether high class coir are not made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government are not aware that superior quality is made.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Did the Government enquire?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is being enquired into.

Hostels attached to the Maharaja's College.

160. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) when the Caste-Hindu hostel attached to the Maharaja's College was converted into a cosmopolitan hostel;
- (b) what was the strength of the Hostel for the two years preceding the conversion and for the two years succeeding;
- (c) does the Government still run a Christian hostel,
- (d) does the Government still give aid to any other denominational hostels; if so, which are they and what is the amount paid per year;

(e) what is the expense the Government incurs for the Christian hostel per year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) In October 1931.

Year.	Strength.	
(b) 1105	106	} Preceding 2 years.
1106	91	

1107	55	} Succeeding 2 years.
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at the commencement of this academic year (including 12 in the ladies' hostel).

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

1. Muslim Hostel	Rs. 660— 0—0.
2. Thiyya (Boys) Hostel	„ 310— 0—0.
3. Sadanam (Thiyya girls)	„ 693—10—0.
4. Y. W. C. A. (Christian girls)	„ 220— 0—0.

The grant consists of a monthly rent of Rs. 27— 8—0 for Thiyya Girls' hostel, Rs. 25 each for the Muslim and Thiyya Boys' hostels and Rs. 1—4—0 per boarder in respect of the Thiyya and Muslim hostels and Rs. 1—5—0 in respect of the Thiyya Girls' hostel. The figures furnished are of 1107.

(e) Rs. 240 towards Superintendent's allowance in addition to the expenditure on vessels and furniture which will vary year after year. (Approximate amount on this account is Rs. 100 to 200 a year.)

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) It is stated that prior to the conversion the strength of the Hindu hostel was 106 in 1105 and 91 in 1106, and afterwards 55 and 43. Does the Government know why the fall is due to?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is very difficult to argue from statistics of this sort back into their causes. For instance, 43 now does not wholly represent any cause other than the fact that the admissions this year were restricted to boys who belong to this place and many of them preferred to live in private houses.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether any Christian student or Thiyya student sought admission to the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—To the best of my information no such applications have been made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the justification for the Government is for running a Thiyya hostel now that the other hostel is converted into a cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The justification is, a new cosmopolitan hostel was started to embody an idea of reform. Evidently it was not taken advantage of by the pupils. There is no reason not to allow the old state continue until new conditions can be taken advantage of.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government know that the fall in the hostel was due to the fact that most of the orthodox Hindus do not like the idea of a general cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No. I am not aware of that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has it ever been brought to the notice of the Government by the Principal of the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It has never been brought to the notice of the Education Department.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is there a non-vegetarian section in the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the name at present—cosmopolitan hostel or Hindu hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't know whether the actual board has been removed. But in spirit it is still a cosmopolitan hostel.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is Christian hostel a cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is a question for the inmates to decide. Beyond that I am not able to give any answer.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are other students than Christians admitted in the Christian hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't think there is any rules restricting the admission to Christians only. It allows anybody to go in.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are there other caste students in the Thiyya hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think there are Hindus other than Ezhavas.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—In the Sadanam?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not aware of the Sadanam, but in the other hostel I know.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What are the respective boarding fees in the hostels?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is no boarding fees actually. They divide the expenditure of every month and that varies from month to month.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—In the Christian hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is about 12 to 14 rupees a month.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will there be sufficient accommodation in the cosmopolitan hostel if all the students go there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—At present it may be difficult. Because there is only accommodation for 73 or 74. If all the students flock there, it will be difficult.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether any minimum number is required for getting the grant that is mentioned in answer to sub-section (d)?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No minimum has been laid down by the rules. But when the matter was referred to me I submitted to the Government that if the number is smaller than 20, it would obviously be unprofitable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to allow a Caste-Hindu hostel if 20 students join together and ask for a grant?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I say, that is the reasonable minimum required for allowing the grant. It does not mean that just because one section is 20 in number the Government can give the grant.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Are all the hostels attached to the College cosmopolitan?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That question has been answered piecemeal.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Am I to understand that all these hostels are outright cosmopolitan hostels?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They are cosmopolitan since the rules do not restrict the admission to any caste or creed.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is any the less cosmopolitan than the Hindu hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The rules do not restrict and there is no difference with regard to the rules. Whether the psychology of the inmates is such that they are cosmopolitan, I don't know.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are the Government aware that the Thiyyas are not going there because the boarding fees are very high?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have received complaints to the effect that the charge is too high.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—As is done in the Thiyya and Christian hostels, will the Government be pleased to allow the Caste Hindu students also to divide their expenses?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The difficulty is this. There is a difference between a Government hostel and an aided hostel

The Government hostel ensures minimum comfort and those who are willing to accept that minimum can come there. That is the rule every where, all over the world.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is it on account of the existence of a non-vegetarian canteen that Caste-Hindus do not resort to it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not think there is actually anything to do with the caste.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know why that canteen is maintained there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think, if I remember aright, on a motion of House that the whole thing materialised. It is no use demolishing it now. We used to get a certain amount of patronage from those who come there for lunch. By demolishing it nothing is gained.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does that canteen cater for the public? Is it not for the hostel students?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is open to the boarders of the hostel, and to the other students and professors of the College.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Is there not a reduction of students in the other hostels also?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The Hon'ble Member for Education said that there will be accommodation only for 73, this year. I don't know why? In previous years they were admitting 106 and 91.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There was a time when the hostel used to be packed as the Hon'ble Member knows, as he himself was a resident. Bath rooms were converted into living rooms. That is not a thing which ought to be encouraged. Expecting minimum and modest comfort, there is room for only 73 or 74.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know what is the present necessity for a separate Thiyya hostel being rented at all?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The cosmopolitan idea having failed, we continued the old practice.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Has the cosmopolitan idea failed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the actual result it has failed.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know how you arrived at that idea? Is not the Thiyya hostel admitting other students also?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Thiyya hostel takes in other castes and colours also.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—So also the Christian hostel takes in Thiyyas also. So where is the necessity for running separate hostels now?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is all the difference between what the rules are and what actually exists. These hostels are all open to everybody. But everybody does not go there?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it a fact that the Municipality has asked for tax for the canteen that is run there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information.

**The Cosmopolitan hostel attached to
the Maharaja's College.**

161. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the buildings for running a non-vegetarian kitchen in the cosmopolitan hostel were got ready and at what cost;

(b) is any kitchen run now and what is the strength of it if one is run;

(c) what is the extent of accommodation in the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) In October 1931. Cost about Rs. 1,000.

(b) As no student offered to join the cosmopolitan hostel, it had to be converted into a canteen.

(c) Accommodation required for about 74 boarders.

Collection of fees in the Ottupara market.

162. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is run at Ottupara near Vadakkancheri an arecanut market by one Muhamed on all Wednesdays;

(b) what are the terms on which he is allowed to run this market;

(c) is the Government aware that he is collecting for head-loads, cart-loads, etc., higher fees than what he is allowed to collect under the rules;

(d) if so, what has the Government done in the matter hitherto?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) There is a general market in Ottupara owned by one Mr. Muhamed, in which arecanut business is also going on.

(b) The terms are in conformity with the sections of the Municipal Regulation relating to markets.

(c) No.

(d) No answer is called for in view of the answer (c) above.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) It is said 'the terms are in conformity, with the sections of the Municipal